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?!... MY HYPNOTISM COULDN'T STOP YOU! BRUTE FORCE CAN'T, EITHER!... WHAT CAN STOP THE BRUTE??!!
NOTHING! HA, HA! AND THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE NOW, SHADOW... NOTHING! KNOW SOMETHING? YOU'RE WASHED UP! HA, HA, HA!
FOR YEARS, CRIMINALS HAVE CRINGED AND WHISPERED AMONG THEMSELVES OF THE HOPELESSNESS OF COMBATTING THE SHADOW, MYSTERIOUS FIGURE OF DARKNESS WHO STALKS AND DEFEATS EVIL MEN EVERYWHERE! BUT SUDDENLY S-D DAY ARRIVES --- SHADOW DOOM DAY--- AS THE MOST TREMENDOUS FOE THE DARK AVENGER HAS EVER TANGLED WITH, HURTLES INTO ACTION AND MAKES THE MIGHTY SHADOW UNEXPECTEDLY LOOK LIKE ... A MERE SHADOW OF HIMSELF! YES, ALONG COMES AN AWESOME ARCH-VILLAIN WHO LAUGHS AT THE MYSTIC MARVELS OF THE SHADOW AND IS UNAFFECTED BY THEM! MEET NOW, THE TOWERING, TREMENDOUSLY STRONG MAN OF MENACE KNOWN AS--- THE BRUTE! SEE WHAT ASTONISHINGLY HAPPENS WHEN...
The SHADOW BATTLES...THE BRUTE!

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AT A $1,000 PER PLATE CHARITY BANQUET, IN NEW YORK...
STOP STUFFING YOUR BELLIES, TYCOONS! WALLETS ON THE TABLES, PLEASE...OR ME AND MY BOYS WILL FEED YOU LEAD FOR DESSERT!
AWP! THIS IS OUT-RAGEOUS!
DROP THOSE GUNS, HOODS! YOUR OVERPOWERING, AND TAKING THE PLACES OF THE GENUINE WAITERS, WAS AN INSPIRATION...THAT'LL JAIL YOU!
IT'S THE SHADOW! GUN HIM DOWN!
BUT UNEXPECTEDLY...
ULP! A WHOLE ARMY OF COPS... POURING IN! THROW DOWN YOUR GUNS, BOYS! WE HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE!
THAT'S BETTER!
AN INSTANT AFTERWARD...
HUH? ALL THE COPS ARE V-VANISHING!
THEY WERE HYPNOTIC ILLUSIONS, CREATED BY ME!... SOMEONE CALL THE REAL POLICE AND KEEP THESE CHARACTERS COVERED!
AND WHEN THE LAW-MEN ARRIVE...
THE SHADOW VANISHED LIKE A GHOST, CRANSTON!
ACTUALLY, I'VE SWITCHED FROM THE SHADOW BACK TO MY SECRET IDENTITY OF LAMONT CRANSTON, UN-SEEN! AND NOW, TO ENJOY THE INTER-RUPTED MEAL!
AT THAT VERY INSTANT, HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY ON A FANTASTIC ISLAND EMPIRE, ANOTHER MAN LAUGHS... IRONICALLY, HE IS... SHIWAN KHAN, RUTH-LESS DESCENDANT OF GENGHIS KHAN, WHO PLOTS TO RULE THE WORLD!
HA, HA, HAA-AAA! MY VILE FOE, THE SHADOW, THINKS I'M DESTROYED...THE FOOL!

"HE PROBABLY BELIEVES THE TORPEDO WHICH WRECKED MY ATOMIC SUBMARINE FINISHED ME OFF, TOO! BUT MY CONFEDERATE, ATTILA THE HUNTER AND I HAD THE FORESIGHT TO ESCAPE IN A SHOCK-RESISTANT SURVIVAL BUBBLE CRAFT!"
I AM READY TO RENEW MY GREAT CAMPAIGN FOR MASTERY OF THE PLANET! BUT I NEED MORE FUNDS TO FINANCE IT! IT COSTS A LOT OF HARD COLD CASH TO CONQUER A WORLD!
YOU UNDERLINGS ARE THE MOST FANATICAL OF MY FOLLOWERS! FIGHT EACH OTHER! TO THE WINNER WILL GO THE HIGHEST OF ALL CONCEIVABLE SUBLIME HONORS!
HA, HA, HA! PHYSICAL MARVELS, ALL OF THEM! HOW EAGERLY THEY BATTLE ONE ANOTHER TO SEEK THE INFINITE JOY OF MY IMPERIAL FAVOR! BUT ONLY ONE CAN WIN! WHO SHALL IT BE??
SOON...
I HAVE BESTED THE OTHERS EASILY! AND NOW, THAT REWARD YOU PROMISED, MOST EXALTED ONE!
FIRST, DON THIS COSTUME!
PRESENTLY...
AND NOW, I SHINE MY GROWTH RAY UPON YOU! HA, HA! YOU ARE NOW NOT ONLY DOUBLING IN SIZE, BUT YOUR STRENGTH IS BEING MAGNIFIED MANY, MANY TIMES OVER!
SPLENDID! SPLENDID! BUT THE REWARD YOU PROMISED!! THE RE-WARD!!

MERCENARY, AREN'T YOU? FIRST, DO AS I SAY! TEST YOUR STRENGTH! DESTROY THOSE MASSIVE BRONZE STATUES OF MY ABOMINABLE OPPONENT, THE SHADOW!
OKAY, YOUR IMPERIAL HIGHNESS! FIRST I'LL LIFT THIS STATUE THAT WEIGHS TONS!
AND NOW, HURLING IT LIKE A JAVELIN, I SMASH APART THE OTHER STATUES! SATISFIED?
HA, HA! INDEED I AM! BECAUSE OF YOUR INCREDIBLY STUPENDOUS PHYSICAL POWER I HEREBY NAME YOU... THE BRUTE!!!
BWAK KRAK BWAM!
YOUR REWARD WILL BE TO TRAVEL TO AMERICA AND STEAL MILLIONS TO HELP FINANCE MY CONQUEST OF EARTH! I'LL TRANSMIT INSTRUCTIONS TO YOU OVER YOUR HEADGEAR'S EARPHONES!
I'M THE BRUTE, EH?
WELL, TO BE BRUTALLY FRANK, I LIKE HONORS JUST AS MUCH AS THE NEXT JOE, BUT I DIG CASH PROFIT THE MOST! GIVE ME BACK 25% OF THE LOOT I SEIZE AND IT'S A DEAL!
PUT ME DOWN, MONEY-MAD SWINE!.. VERY WELL! ONE QUARTER TO YOU!
THEN, AS ONE OF KHAN'S HUGE SUPER-SUBS PREPARES TO TAKE THE BRUTE ON HIS LARCENOUS MISSION...
FOLLOW MY RADIOED ORDERS EXPLICITLY! BE SAVAGE! MERCILESS! STEAL MILLIONS, BILLIONS, TRILLIONS!
AND TO THINK MY HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL PREDICTED I'D BECOME A PHARMACIST!
DAYS LATER, IN NEW YORK...
WHAT'S THE BIG JOKE, MIKE?
SOME NUT WHO CALLS HIMSELF THE BRUTE SAYS HE'S GOING TO ROB THIS BANK AND THAT... HA, HA... WE WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP HIM!
FIVE MINUTES LATER...
WHO... WHAT IN T-TARNATION ARE YOU??
I AM... THE BRUTE!!!
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R-R-RIP
HOLY CATS! H-HE'S TEARING THE VAULT'S STEEL DOOR OFF WITH HIS BARE MITTS!
SHOOT HIM!!
SCRAM! YOU BOTHER ME!
OUR BULLETS ARE BOUNCING OFF THE VAULT DOOR!
HE'S SHOVING US OUT OF THE ROOM!
MOMENTS AFTERWARD...
(MOAN!) HE'S GETTING AWAY WITH A FORTUNE! AND TO THINK WE LAUGHED AT HIM!
BANG!
BANG
A LITTLE LATER...
OO-OOH, WHAT A GORGEOUS HUNK OF MAN! BUT HE LOOKS KIND OF SCARY!
PARDON ME, LADIES! BUT I'VE GOT INSIDE INFORMATION THIS BEAUTY PARLOR IS JUST A CUNNING FRONT FOR THE TRIPLE-CROSS GANG!
AHA! I WAS RIGHT!
A M-MONSTER IS LOOSE! GRAB THE TOMMY-GUNS! GET HIM! GET HIM!!
HA, HA! I GRABBED YOUR MACHINE-GUNS FIRST! I'LL RENDER 'EM USELESS!
H-HE'S TEARING 'EM APART LIKE THEY WAS CHEWIN' GUM!!
AND NOW... WHERE'S YOUR STOLEN LOOT? BETTER HAND IT OVER NICELY! WHEN I'M MAD, I GET VERY, VERY ROUGH!
HERE'S THE BOODLE! TAKE IT! (CHOKE)
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MEANWHILE, ON SHIWAN KHAN'S DISTANT STRONG-HOLD...
THE BRUTE IS DOING EXCELLENTLY!
?...HE'S PUTTING DOWN HIS BAG OF LOOT...
...AND HE'S RACING IN AND CATCHING A BABY THAT FELL OUT OF A WINDOW! WHAT IS HE? A SUPER-CROOK OR A SUPER-HERO?
I'LL STRAIGHTEN OUT THE ACCURSED DOG!
KHAN TO THE BRUTE! DON'T DO GOOD DEEDS! STICK TO INFAMOUS SKULDUGGERY! THAT'S AN ORDER!
LISTEN, KHAN! NOBODY ORDERS THE BRUTE AROUND AND THAT INCLUDES YOU!
I'M SWIPING MILLIONS, SO LAY OFF! IF I GOT A TEENSY-WEENSY GRAIN OF HUMANITY IN ME, THAT'S MY PROBLEM, NOT YOURS! OVER AND OUT!
LOUT!!! YOU'LL PAY DEARLY FOR DEFYING THE MIGHTY KHAN!
LATER, ON A LONELY BEACH...
THAT ROCKET IS SENDING THE FIRST BATCH OF LOOT TO SHIWAN KHAN! NOW TO STEAL SOME AMAZING DEVICES FROM FORT ORK'S SUPER-SECRET EXPERIMENTAL LAB!
LATER, AT YOU-KNOW-WHERE...
GUESS WHO?!
IT'S THE BRUTE WE'VE HEARD ABOUT OVER THE RADIO! NOTHING CAN STOP HIM!
OH, I WOULDN'T SAY THAT!
UNTIL NOW, THE BRUTE HAS ONLY MET BULLETS! BUT NOW HE'S UP AGAINST THE MIGHT OF A MASTER OF THE MYSTERIES OF THE ORIENT!
HOORAY! IT'S THE SHADOW! HIS SUPER-HYPNOTISM CAN CONQUER ANY OPPONENT!
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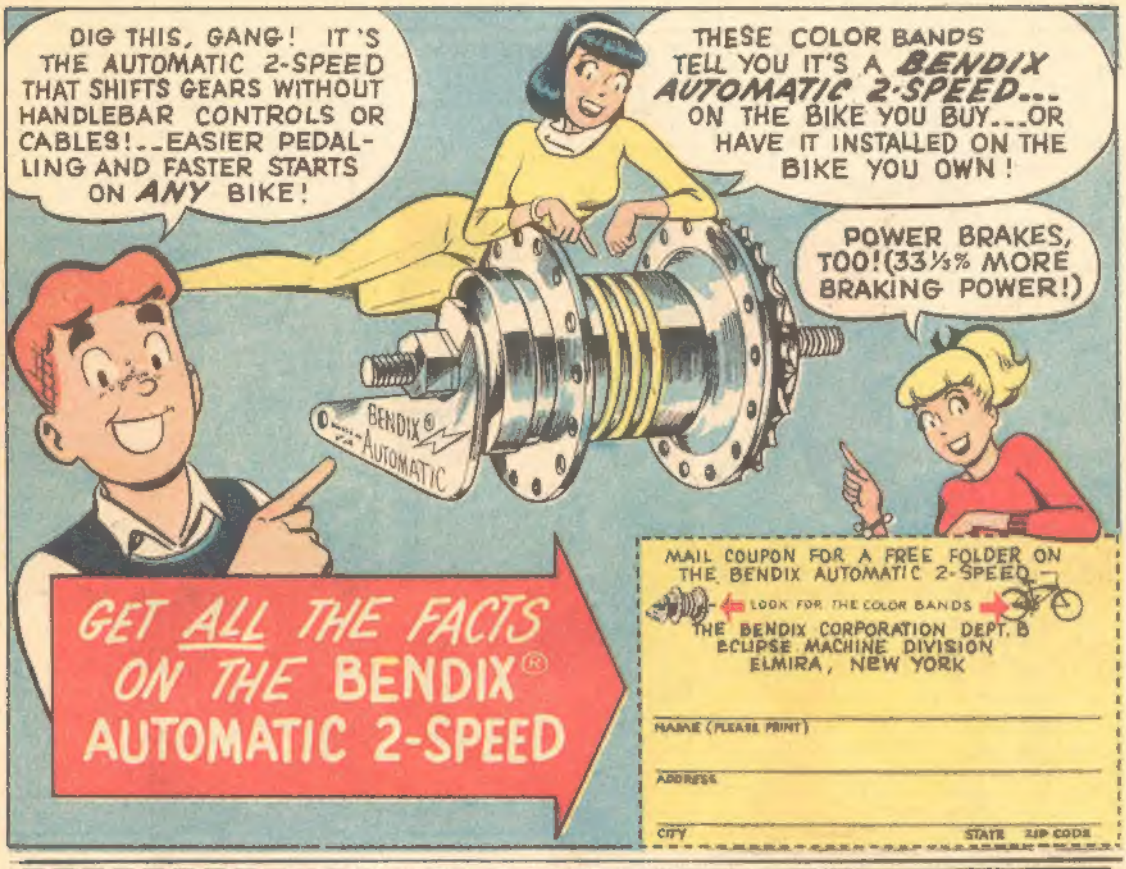
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I COMMAND YOU TO STOP!!
THE BRUTE HAS HALTED!
YOU ARE POWERLESS TO RESIST MY HYPNOTIC MIGHT! YOU ARE HELPLESS... HELPLESS! LOOK INTO MY EYES! DEEPER! DEEPER! DEEPER STILL! STILL DEEPER! AND DEEPER AND DEEPER AND...
..EVEN MORE DEEP... YEEP!
(GASP) I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THE BRUTE HASN'T BEEN RENDERED POWERLESS BY THE SHADOW! WAS HE SHAMMING? HE'S FIGHTING BACK NOW, LIKE A MAD ENGINE OF DESTRUCTION!
SLAPPP
DISAPPOINTED?
BEWILDERED!
WHY DON'T YOU GO SHADOW-BOX WITH YOURSELF, SHADOW, WHILE I STEAL THESE INVALUABLE DEVICES!
OO-OOLPH!
HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY RESIST MY FANTASTIC HYPNOTIC ABILITY?
THE GOGGLES, CHUM... THE GOGGLES!
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THE GOGGLE LENSES ARE MADE OF A SPECIAL PLASTIC THAT SCREENS OUT THE HYPNOTIC EFFECT OF YOUR EYES!
SO THAT'S IT!
IF HYPNOTISM WON'T WORK ON THE BRUTE, PERHAPS BRUTE-STRENGTH WILL!
WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO DO, GIVE ME A SCALP MASSAGE? DON'T YOU KNOW MY HEAD IS STRONGER THAN EVEN A THIRD HELPING OF GARLIC BREAD? YOU'VE RUINED THAT NICE-LOOKING LAMP FOR NOTHING!
UHH-HHHH!
YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED. THEREFORE, I SHALL CHASTISE YOU! THERE!.. AND NOW I'LL LEAVE WITH THE INVALUABLE DEVICES, BEFORE I OVERSTAY MY WELCOME.
WORLD-N
THE BRUTE ON CRIME RAMPAGE
CLOBBERS, DEFEATS
THE SHADOW!
LATER, IN THE TOWN HOUSE OF WEALTHY LAMONT CRANSTON HIS SECRETARY MARGO LANE NOTICES.
YOU'RE WORRIED, TOO, EH? SO IS EVERYONE IF THE SHADOW CAN'T DEFEAT THE BRUTE, WHO CAN? NO ONE, I GUESS!
THE SHADOW MUST DEVELOP NEW FIGHTING METHODS, TO DEFEAT THE GREATEST FOE HE'S EVER ENCOUNTERED! ...AND I WILL!!
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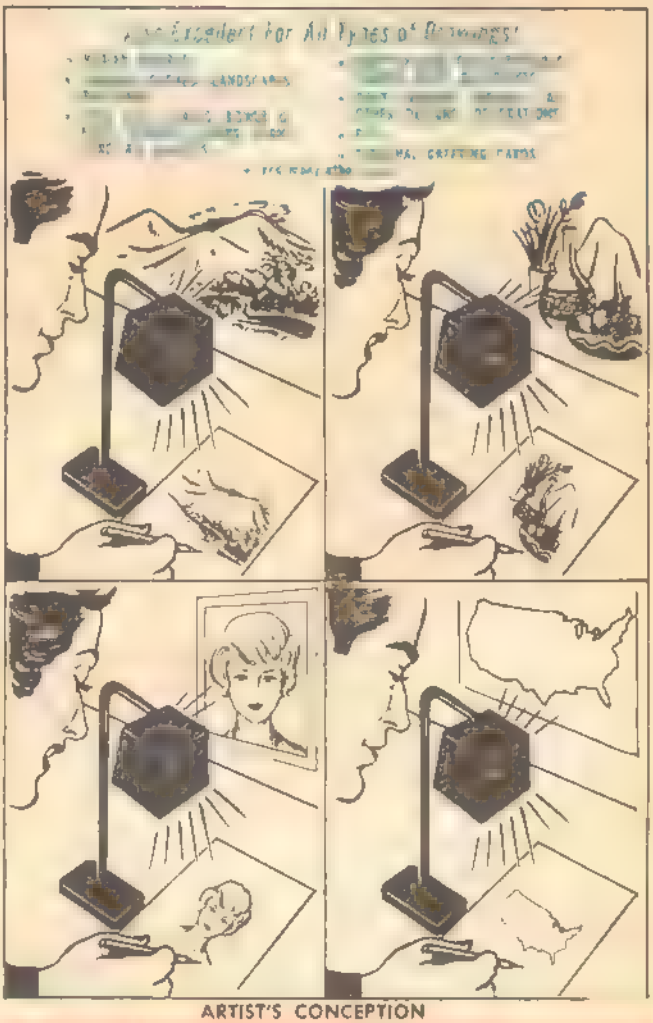

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THE SHADOW
HUH? WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' IN THE PROJECT Z STORAGE CLOSET SHADOW?.. OOF!!
LYING IN WAIT FOR YOU, BRUTE! YOU'RE SO MIGHTY I'VE HAD TO DEVELOP NEW FIGHTING METHODS! HAVE A SUPER-POWERED BLAST FROM MY BELT-BUCKLE'S POWER-BEAM, YOU OVER-SIZED ULTRA-CROOK!!!
THE BRUTE CAME. HE SAW THE SHADOW.. AND HE CONQUERED HIM TEMPORARILY! BUT A BASIC LAW OF SURVIVAL IS TO ADAPT AND IMPROVE YOURSELF SO YOU CAN SURMOUNT ANY AND ALL OBSTACLES! AND SO THE FAMED DARK AVENGER, DISCOVERING HIS MIGHTY HYPNOTIC ABILITY CANNOT BEST THE MASSIVE PLUNDERER QUICKLY DEVELOPS BRAND-NEW FIGHTING DEVICES TO COPE WITH THE SAVAGE MENACE OF THE BRUTE! READ ON, FOR EXPLOSIVE ACTION GALORE, AND THRILL TO THE TREMENDOUS IMPACT OF..
THE SHADOW'S AMAZING NEW WEAPONS!
NEXT EVENING...
AND AW-AAAY IT GOES! IF KHAN DOESN'T WANT TO USE THOSE STOLEN SCIENTIFIC DEVICES HIMSELF HE CAN ALWAYS SELL THEM TO SOME ENEMY OF AMERICA'S, FOR BIG MONEY!
VROOOM
SHIWAN KHAN TO THE BRUTE! REPORT TO "BEACH X". AS DESIGNATED IN YOUR CODE INDOCTRINATION FOR AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT!
I'LL GO! IT HAD BETTER BE IMPORTANT

SHORTLY..
SHAWAN KHAN'S SUBMARINE SURFACED AND A RUBBER RAFT IS BRINGING TWO MEN FROM IT TOWARD THE BEACH
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I AM THE TITAN! MY COMPANION IS COLOSSO! THE MIGHTY KHAN SENT US TO HELP YOU LOOT NEW YORK!
THE BRUTE NEEDS NO HELP! GO BACK TO THE SUB BEFORE I LOSE MY TEMPER!
SORRY WE STAY WE HAVE OUR ORDERS
YOU CAN TAKE THOSE ORDERS...
AWP!
...SHOVE THEM IN ONE EAR, AND OUT THE OTHER! BUTTER THEM! AND EAT THEM! GET ME?!
YEOW! (BLUB)
STOP IT! LIFT HIM UP OR HE'LL DROWN!
AND WOULDN'T THAT BE A PITY?!
HEY TITAN! HAD ENOUGH? READY TO SWIM BACK TO THE SUB? OR DO YOU WANT ANOTHER DUNKING?
ENOUGH...! ENOUGH...!

GIT!
THERE'S AN OLD SAYING THE BIGGER THEY ARE THE HARDER THEY FALL."
HERE'S A NEW SAYING, "ANYONE WHO TANGLES WITH THE BRUTE, ISN'T DOING HIMSELF A FAVOR"
LEGGO.
HAW, HAW! GO BACK TO KHAN COLOSSO! TELL HIM NOT TO ANNOY ME AGAIN WITH ANY STOOGES! I'M A LONE WOLF.
KLINK
YOWCH
PRESENTLY
HA HA! BACK THEY GO TO KHAN! NOW TO GET MORE PLUNDER!
AND IN KHAN'S STRONGHOLD
HE'LL PAY FOR DEFYING MY WILL LATER .. AFTER HE HAS STOLEN BILLIONS!
THAT EVENING AT THE FABULOUS CYRUS GALLOWAY ESTATE OWNED BY A RICH EXPLORER
YOUR COLLECTION OF RECOVERED BURIED TREASURE IS FASCINATING AND PRICELESS MR GALLOWAY BUT AREN'T YOU WORRIED THAT THE BRUTE MIGHT
STEAL IT? NOT AT ALL HA HA!

MY ESTATE S WELL PROTECTED ' IN ADD TION I HEREBY ANNOUNCE I LL GIVE $ 100 000 TO CHARITY IF THE SHADOW FO LS ANY SUCH ATTEMPT
CLEVER! THE SHADOW CAN DEFEAT THE BRUTE IF ANYONE CAN'
IN THE TOWN HOUSE OF LAMONT CRANSTON . .
THAT FOOL GALLOWAY S PRACT CALL .NG THE BRUTE TO ATTACK FORTUNATELY I VE HAD T ME TO PERFECT MEANS WHEREBY I MAY BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THE BRUTE '
MEANWHILE . . .
YIIIIII! THAT S ANT HEAD.
.T S . . . THE BRUTE !!! HE N - MAS BENT DOWN AND LOOKING N THROUGH OUR NDOW AT OUR TELE S ON SET HE S -LEAV NG NOW.
A LITTLE LATER . .
THE BRUTE !!! HE'S S - STEPP NG OVER THE ELECTR F ED FENCE GO GET HIM !
ARF!
YIP! YIP!
GRRR!
LOOK NG FOR TROUBLE MUTTS?
THERE THAT LL HOLD YOU AND NOW FOR GALLOWAY S TREASURES
HA, HA, HAAA - AAA !
THAT MOCKING LAUGHTER A F GURE S STEPP NG OUT OF THE DARKNESS THE SHADOW! I L . SQUASH YOU LIKE AN NSECT '
TRY!
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But...
HUH? THE GROUND IS GIVING WAY BENEATH ME!
GALLOWAY DECORATES HIS ESTATE WITH MOMENTOS OF HIS TRAVELS WHEN HE BUILT THIS ELEPHANT TRAP HE NEVER DREAMED I MIGHT SOMEDAY LURE YOU INTO IT!
COMFY?
YOU'LL BE SORRY YOU MOCKED ME!
UNLIKE ME ELEPHANTS CAN'T CLIMB OUT. LIKE THIS!
GUESS I'LL HAVE TO DISCOURAGE THAT WITH A NEW WEAPON I'VE FASHIONED.
HAVE SOME WEAKNESS GAS FROM THE SHADOW-GUN!
SSS
A GIANT ASCENDING FORM WAVERS WEAKLY
YOUR GAS IS TAKING EFFECT SHADOW! YOU'VE LOCKED THE BRUTE!
LET'S NOT GLOAT YET GALLOWAY HE'S GROPING TOWARD HIS BELT...
THEN
?? - A GREEN GAS POURED OUT OF THE BRUTE'S BELT-BUCKLE AND HE'S CLIMBING WITH RENEWED STRENGTH WHAT HAPPENED?
EVIDENTLY HE RELEASED A GAS THAT NEUTRALIZED THE EFFECT OF THE WEAKNESS-GAS! BETTER TAKE COVER GALLOWAY WHILE YOU CAN
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GOT YOU! YOU HAD YOUR FUN WITH ME, USING ONE OF GALLOWAY'S MEMENTOS---NOW IT'S MY TURN!
...NTO THE CROCODILE PIT WITH YOU, SHADOW! ENJOY YOURSELF! HA,HA! THEY'RE SCRAMB..NG TOWARD YOU!
HERE THEY COME! I'D BETTER SPOIL THE CROCS DINNER PLANS FAST!
...NSTANTLY, THE DARK AVENGER STARES HYPNOTICALLY IN..TO THE EYES OF THE ..ENACING CREATURES...
YOU SHALL SEE WHAT I WILL YOU TO SEE...
NEXT ..STANT THE CROCODILES RETREAT FEARFULLY AS THEY SIGHT A FANTASTIC ILLUS..ON...
HA,HA! AFRA'D TO PICK ON SOMEONE BIGGER THAN YOU, EH? TOO BAD THE BRUTE'S GOGGLES PROTECT HIM FROM MY POWER OF AMAZING HALLUCINATIONS!
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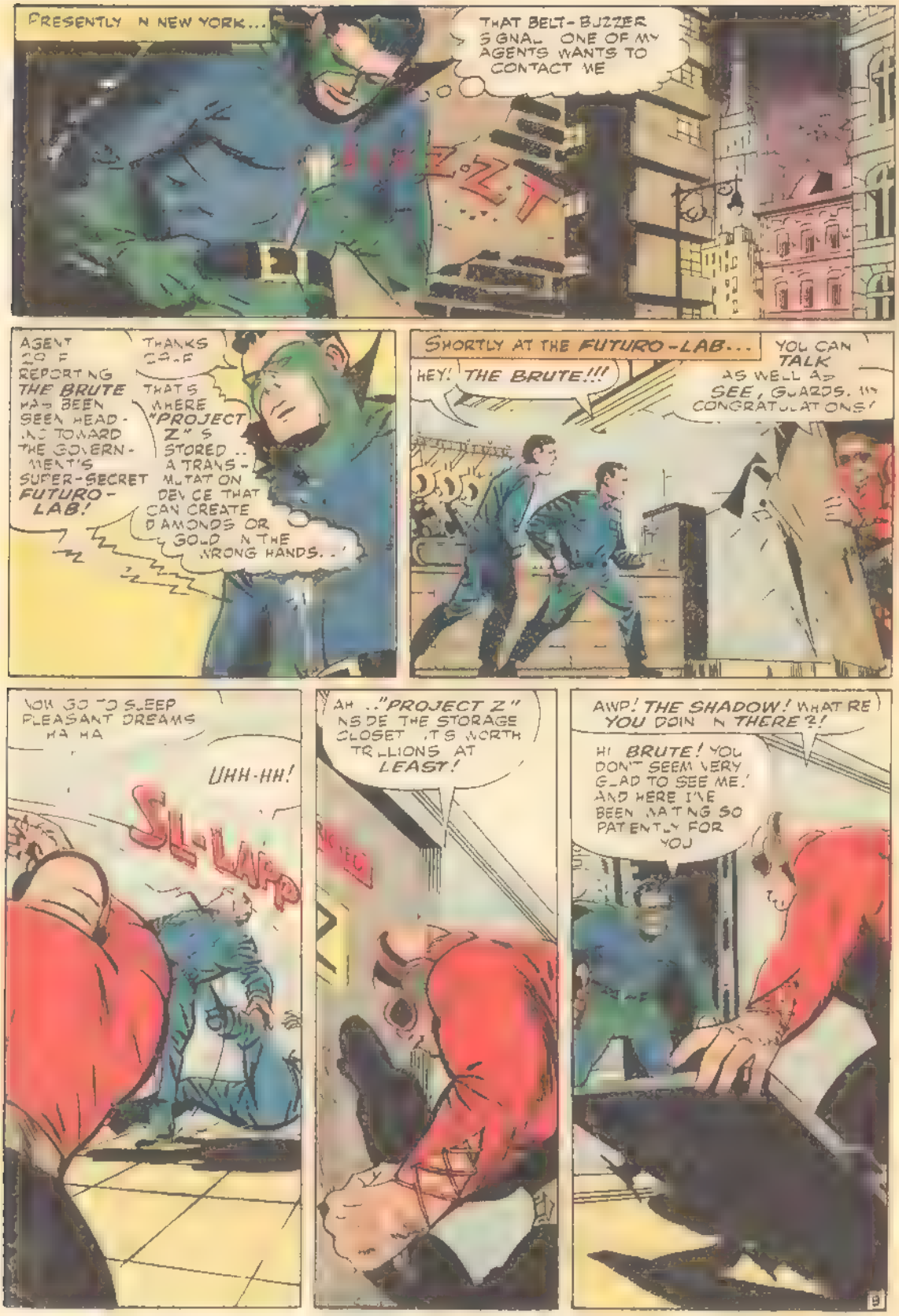
NOW TO GET OUT OF THIS PIT AND RENEW ACQUAINTANCES WITH THE BRUTE! I PRESS THE TOES OF MY BOOTS TOGETHER AND .
...ZINGO! POWERFUL CONCEALED SPRINGS, THAT WILL PROMPTLY RETRACT, HURTLE ME UP AND OUT OF HERE!
QUICK, GALLOWAY! WHERE'S THE BRUTE? LET ME AT HIM!!
SOME CRUSADING HERO YOU ARE!
WHILE YOU WERE PLAYING GAMES WITH THOSE CROCODILES THE BRUTE STOLE MY TREASURES AND FLED GET OUT OF HERE!
"THIS IS THE SHADOW! HA-HAAA-HAAAA! WHO KNOWS WHAT EVIL LURKS IN THE HEARTS OF MEN? ONLY THE SHADOW KNOWS!" PHOOIE! OFF MY PROPERTY!
NOW TO MELT BACK INTO THE SHADOWS ..AND GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I'M THROWN OUT! CAN'T BLAME GALLOWAY FOR FEELING I LET HIM DOWN! BUT I'LL FIGHT THE BRUTE AGAIN! AND NEXT TIME ...!
LATER, AS A MISSILE ALIGHTS ON KHAN'S ISLE ...
HA HA! THIS RICH PLUNDER FROM GALLOWAY'S ESTATE IS NOW MINE! HOW BRILLIANT OF ME TO HAVE SENT THE BRUTE TO AMASS SUCH PRICELESS BAUBLES FOR ME!


PRESENTLY IN NEW YORK...
THAT BELT-BUZZER SIGNAL ONE OF MY AGENTS WANTS TO CONTACT ME
ZZZT
AGENT 20 F REPORTING THE BRUTE HAS BEEN SEEN HEADING TOWARD THE GOVERNMENT'S SUPER-SECRET FUTURO-LAB!
THANKS 20-F
THAT'S WHERE "PROJECT Z" IS STORED.. A TRANSMUTATION DEVICE THAT CAN CREATE DIAMONDS OR GOLD IN THE WRONG HANDS..
SHORTLY AT THE FUTURO-LAB...
HEY! THE BRUTE!!!
YOU CAN TALK AS WELL AS SEE, GUARDS. MY CONGRATULATIONS!
NOW GO TO SLEEP PLEASANT DREAMS HA HA
UHH-HH!
SL-LARP
AH.."PROJECT Z" INSIDE THE STORAGE CLOSET..IT'S WORTH TRILLIONS AT LEAST!
AWP! THE SHADOW! WHAT RE YOU DOIN IN THERE?!
HI BRUTE! YOU DON'T SEEM VERY GLAD TO SEE ME! AND HERE I'VE BEEN WAITING SO PATIENTLY FOR YOU
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DO YOU LIKE MY BELT'S POWER-BEAM? DREAMED IT UP ESPECIALLY FOR YOUR DELECTATION AND INTIMIDATION I SEE IT'S MAKING A HIT WITH YOU!
WHOOF!
GETTING ROUGH, EH?
SINCE THAT DIDN'T KNOCK YOU OUT TRY SOMETHING ELSE.
HAVE A POWERFUL ELECTRIC BLAST FROM MY VULT-ACTION SHADOW-GUN! MAN YOU LOOK REAL SHOOK-UP!!!
BUT AS THE BRUTE QUICKLY RECOVERS...
SMART GUY YOU AREN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN PUSH BUTTONS OR PULL TRIGGERS! NOW IT'S MY TURN!
PARALYSIS RAY
HA,HA THE PARALYSIS RAY HAS PARALYZED YOU SHADOW, BEFORE YOU COULD PULL ANY MORE FANCY TRICKS ON ME
I ORDER YOU TO UNMASK THE SHADOW, WHILE HE CAN'T RESIST
THOUGH UNABLE TO MOVE THE SHADOW CAN STILL HEAR AND THINK
ALL RIGHT SHIWAN KHAN I'LL UNMASK HIM NOW LIKE YOU SAY!
HE'S NOT TALKING TO ME! I BET THE'S RECEIVING RADIOED ORDERS FROM KHAN THROUGH EAR-PHONES IN HIS HEADGEAR
GOODBYE SECRET IDENTITY I HATE TO LOSE SUCH A HELPFUL SECRET TO SHIWAN BUT THERE'S NOTHING I KHAN I MEAN CAN DO TO PREVENT IT

BAH! YOU CAN KEEP YOUR SECRET IDENTITY FOR ALL I CARE, SHADOW! I'M NOT INTERESTED!
YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED?! I HAVE MERELY BEEN TRYING TO FIND OUT THAT INTENSELY IMPORTANT FACT FOR YEARS!
LISTEN, KHAN! THE SECRET IDENTITY OF A FOE I CAN DEFEAT, BORES ME! IF YOU WANT TO LEARN HIS IDENTITY, FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF! I'M AFTER CASH, NOT STATISTICS!
INSUBORDINATE LOUT! OUT OF THE THREE BILLION PEOPLE ON EARTH, WHY, OH WHY DID I MAKE YOU INTO THE BRUTE?!! BAH!!
GOODBYE, SHADOW! IF I CRUNCHED YOUR EGO BY NOT BOTHERING TO UNMASK YOUR SECRET IDENTITY YOU CAN ALWAYS GO CRY ON A PSYCHIATRIST'S SHOULDER
LATER, WHEN THE PARALYSIS EFFECT WEARS OFF.
HOW ABOUT THAT! AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE I CONSTANTLY TAKE TRYING TO SHIELD MY SECRET IDENTITY, THE BRUTE WASN'T INTERESTED! BUT I'VE LEARNED SOMETHING THAT WILL HELP ME LURE HIM TO HIS DOWNFALL!
AN HOUR AFTERWARD..
I'LL TUNE IN ON THE THE BRUTE'S EARPHONES WITH MY HOUND-MIKE, AND PERFECTLY MIMIC KHAN'S VOICE!
SHIWAN KHAN TO THE BRUTE! OBEY VASSAL
SIMULTANEOUSLY, AS THE IMPERSONATED VOICE REACHES ITS TARGET...
GO TO JEWEL MUSEUM AT...
I GOT YOU! I'LL GO AT ONCE! ITS GEMS ARE PRICELESS
BUT PRESENTLY, OUTSIDE THE MUSEUM...
YAAA, MY GOGGLES THE LENSES ARE BURSTING APART!
I SHATTERED THEM WITH A SUPERSONIC NOTE FROM THIS SPECIAL WHISTLE! WITHOUT HIS PROTECTIVE GOGGLES, THE BRUTE WILL BE VULNERABLE TO MY HYPNOTIC CONTROL!

YOU... ARE .. POWERLESS.. TO... MOVE!
POWER - LESS POWER - LESS.
HA HA, HA! POWERLESS, MY FOOT! HAVE A BOULDER, BOULDER!
OWWW!
WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW IS THAT I'M WEARING SHATTER-PROOF CONTACT - LENSES THAT ALSO SCREEN OUT HYPNOTISM ' MY PRIVATE JOKE ' AND NOW TO DON SOME SPARE GOGGLES
AS THE SHADOW HURTLES TOWARD SOME ROCKS FAR BELOW.
TURNED ON THE COMPRESSED-AIR JETS IN MY BOOTS SOLES JUST IN TIME ' I WON T HIT THE ROCKS BUT I WILL GET...
(GLUB ')
DAMPENED!
WHEN THE DARK AVENGER FINISHES SCALING THE CLIFF...
HE S GONE! WITH THE LOOT FROM THE MUSEUM, NO DOUBT! WHERE WILL HE STRIKE NEXT?!
IRONICALLY, THE BRUTE'S NEXT TARGET IS THE CRANSTON TOWN HOUSE! UP ITS SIDES HE SCALES ..
YOUR LATEST BLUNDER MISSILE HAS ARRIVED! I COMMAND YOU TO STEAL LAMONT CRANSTON'S RARE PAINTINGS! REPEAT ' I COMMAND .
I HEARD YOU THE FIRST TIME ' STOP NAGGING KHAN
SHORTLY CRANSTON'S CHAUFFEUR AND SECRETARY ARE STARTLED AS...
A GIANT HAND MARGO. ..UFF-FF!
SHREVY ' LOOK OUT. EEEEE!

NEW ORDERS! FORGET THE PAINTINGS CAPTURE MARGO LANE
I GOT HER!
IT'S THE BRUTE!
HE'S RACING ALONG FROM ROOFTOP TO ROOFTOP!
HE'S GOT A GIRL CAPTIVE!"
CHANGE OF INSTRUCTIONS! I JUST RECALLED HOW MARGO LANE ONCE MADE A FOOL OF ME! KILL HER, BRUTE!
KILL HER
BUT THEN..
YOU'RE...TOO PRETTY I... CAN'T DO IT! I WON'T.
AGAIN YOU'VE DEFIED AN ORDER SWINE
SOON, AT THE WATERFRONT...
SET OFF THIS YACHT! I'M TAKING IT OVER SEE?!
DIVE! FOR YOUR LIVES!
YOU'RE COMING WITH ME, MARGO! AFTER I MEET SHAWAN KHAN AT A CERTAIN PLACE AND COLLECT MY 25% SHARE OF THE LOOT I SENT HIM YOU AND I WILL LIVE HIGH!
I DON'T DARE DEFY THAT BRUTAL GIANT.. YET!
MEANWHILE AS THE DARK AVENGER RETURNS TO HIS TOWN HOUSE, AS LAMONT CRANSTON..
I'LL BE ALL RIGHT! THE BRUTE KNOCKED ME OUT! HE MUST'VE TAKEN MARGO.
I'M SURE YOU DID YOUR BEST I MUST ALERT MY FRIEND THE SHADOW!
PRESENTLY SWITCHING BACK TO THE SHADOW, HE RACES A SPEEDBOAT OUT TO SEA.
THE POWER-RAY FROM MY BELT BUCKLE LEFT RADIOACTIVE TRACES ON THE BRUTE'S BODY! THIS RADIOACTIVITY DETECTOR WILL LEAD ME TO WHEREVER HE'S TAKING MARGO. THEN FOR A SHOWDOWN FIGHT!
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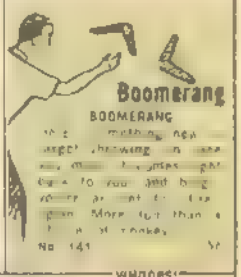

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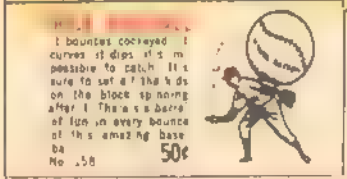

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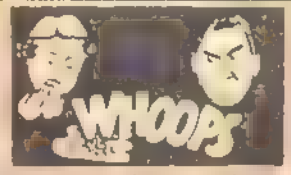

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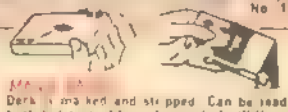

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THE ADVENTURES OF THE SHADOW

CHAPTER SEVEN

HIGH IN THE night sky, a full moon illumined a fantastic scene far below on a crooked little street in the amusement section of Athens. The scene: a RED DEVIL, cross-questioning three human jackals!

But the Satanic Figure was merely an illusion produced by the uncanny occult powers of the mysterious nemesis of evildoers . . . THE SHADOW. This, the man in white who had been rescued by the DARK AVENGER from the trio of swarthy villains knew. The man in white attire who stood beside the hallucinatory form of the disguised SHADOW was Weston, chief global director of the American Secret Service. He was also associated with C.H.I.E.F., a world-wide organization dedicated to battling evil menaces against freedom-loving nations.

Weston whispered to the disguised Man of Darkness, "Through flattery, you've tricked them into disclosing that their leader is someone named SHIWAN KHAN! For the sake of all humanity, we must know more!"

The Devil winked at Weston, and nodded. Despite himself, a shiver coursed up and down Weston's spine, even though he knew the terrifying form was a friend and not a foe, and was merely a hallucinatory vision created by the strangest man the Secret Service operative had ever encountered.

Once again, the "Evil One" questioned the swarthy ones. "Ah, yes, SHIWAN KHAN! How admirably he performs my diabolical work on Earth! His goal?"

Smirking, the three henchmen opened their mouths to reply eagerly. But then, apparently much to their own surprise, their mouths *remained* open! Mightily, they strove to speak, until perspiration beaded their brows. Weston gaped at the macabre scene of the formerly voluble underlings who were now unable to speak even a single word! Then, as he watched, the three men became rigid and glassy-eyed as though in a trance.

"Speak," commanded the pseudo-Satan. "I command you to *speak!*"

No response, not even the blinking of an eyelash, came from the trio that now resembled inanimate statues.

At once, THE SHADOW discarded his illusory disguise of His Satanic Majesty. Again he was visible as his customary, yet extraordinary self!

"What has happened?" asked Weston. "Why don't they speak?"

"Remarkable," replied THE SHADOW. "You remember that they failed to answer my direct questions, despite my hypnotic powers? Apparently, it was because they'd been powerfully brainwashed by someone so they wouldn't divulge the nature of the conspiracy you want to learn about. I succeeded in discovering the name of their leader SHIWAN KHAN, while disguised as the Devil, through flattery."

"What silenced them, suddenly?"

"Apparently, my trick worked only briefly. Their brains must have been 'programmed' so that their subconscious minds, upon detecting a mind-bending trick of *any* sort, went into action slightly belatedly, yet soon enough to prevent further disclosures from their conscious minds. A deliberately implanted engram in their brain, put their bodies into a paralytic state, silencing their duped, wagging tongues."

"I can do no more. Farewell."

But as the SHADOWY CRUSADER turned to depart, Weston exclaimed. "No. Don't go yet!" Then as the Man of Darkness hesitated, "The world is menaced by an awful doom, and we of C.H.I.E.F. don't even know its nature yet! If you would join our organization, perhaps your amazing abilities could . . ."

"Thank you, but I'm not a 'joiner.'" And as Weston's features showed great disappointment, "However, I have a friend, Lamont Cranston, a wealthy, powerful young man who could be a valuable addition to C.H.I.E.F. He has means of contacting me, when he desires. If you will give me your address, I'll have him call on you tomorrow evening at ten o'clock."

Taking a pad and pencil out of his jacket pocket, Weston scribbled an address. "Thank you. I've rented a cottage. I'll expect your friend there, tomorrow night."

Weston handed the paper slip containing the address to THE SHADOW. Next instant, he blinked his eyes in surprise. THE SHADOW had vanished! What he didn't realize was that the Man of Darkness had blended back into a screening shadow so swiftly, he seemed to vanish.

Deep within the protective covering of darkness, the DARK AVENGER smiled mirthlessly at the amazement of Weston. Afterward, as Weston strode off, THE SHADOW mused, "Yes, I'll be able to operate more effectively if not one living soul ever learns that Lamont Cranston is the alter-ego of THE SHADOW. That will be my own little secret!"

The next evening, at exactly ten o'clock, Lamont Cranston approached the door of Weston's cottage on a lonely stretch of beach, and knocked.

"Come in," said a voice.

Cranston entered . . . and looked directly into the face of DEATH!

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...OR EXPAND UP, UP, UP TO GIANT-SIZE LIKE THIS...
THOSE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE AMAZING THINGS I CAN DO! NOW MEET SOME FRIENDS OF MINE! ...ULP! HOW'D THESE FOES GET HERE?!
DESTROY FLY-MAN!!
BUT SUDDENLY...
HAVE A LOVE TAP FROM THE COMET!
MEET THE FIST OF THE SHIELD!
ABSOLUTELY FREE! A JUDO-BLOW FROM THE BLACK HOOD!
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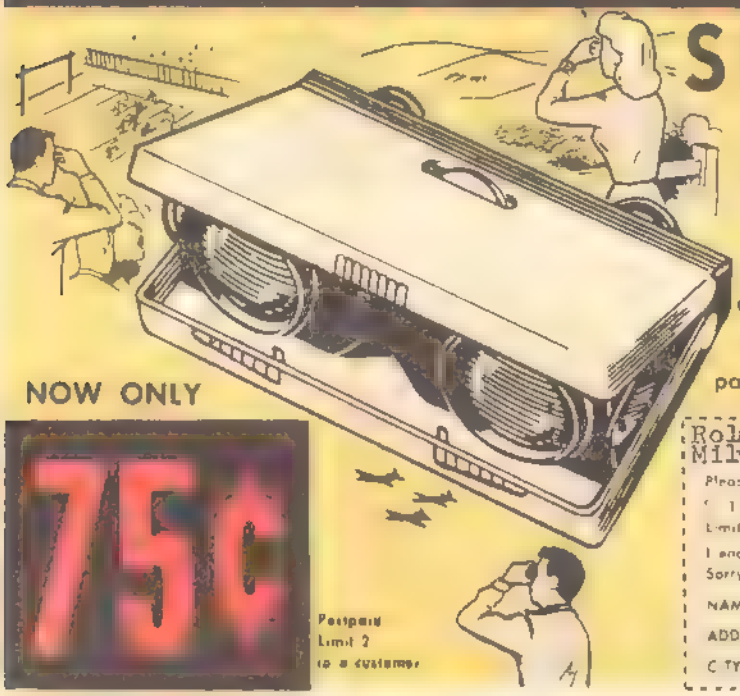

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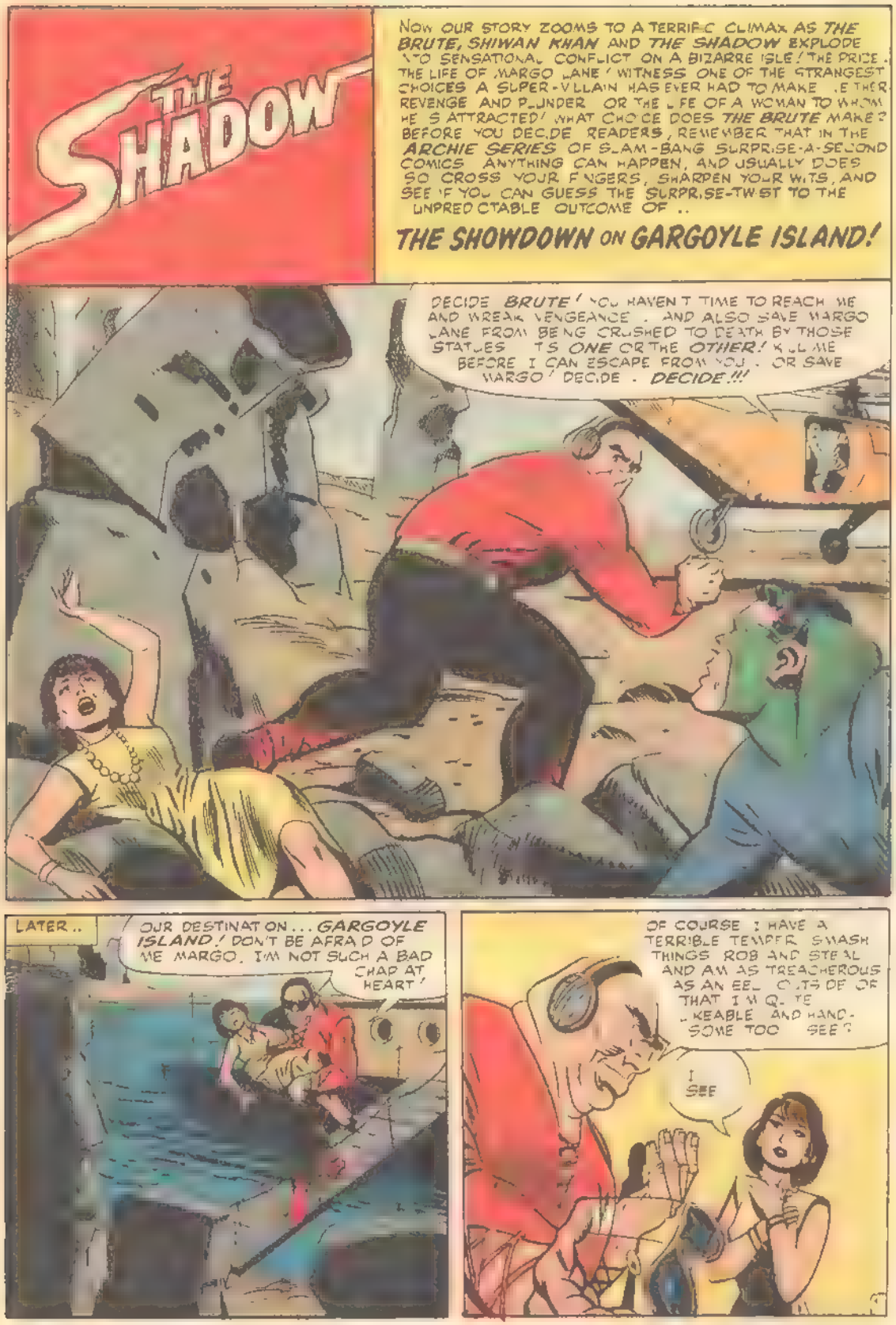
THE SHADOW
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THE SHOWDOWN ON GARGOYLE ISLAND!
DECIDE BRUTE! YOU HAVEN'T TIME TO REACH ME AND WREAK VENGEANCE. AND ALSO SAVE MARGO LANE FROM BEING CRUSHED TO DEATH BY THOSE STATUES. IT'S ONE OR THE OTHER! KILL ME BEFORE I CAN ESCAPE FROM YOU. OR SAVE MARGO! DECIDE. DECIDE!!!
LATER..
OUR DESTINATION... GARGOYLE ISLAND! DON'T BE AFRAID OF ME MARGO. I'M NOT SUCH A BAD CHAP AT HEART!
OF COURSE I HAVE A TERRIBLE TEMPER. SMASH THINGS. ROB AND STEAL AND AM AS TREACHEROUS AS AN EEL. QUITE OF OF THAT I'M QUITE LIKEABLE AND HANDSOME TOO. SEE?
I SEE

WHERE'S THAT FAT-HEAD KHAN? I WANT THE CUT HE PROMISED ME!
IT'S YOU WHO ARE THE FAT-HEAD, REBELLIOUS UNDERLING!
GIMME MY 25% OF THE LOOT!
YOU'LL GET YOUR SHARE!
HERE IT'S A QUARTER!
TWENTY-FIVE CENTS?! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL WISE-GUY?
MY EXACT WORDS WERE: "ONE QUARTER TO YOU!" AND THAT IS ALL YOU WILL GET! HA HA!
I STEAL BILLIONS, AND YOU TRY TO PAY ME OFF WITH A MEASLY QUARTER! DOUBLE-CROSSING RAT. I'LL RIP YOU APART!
NO YOU WON'T! BECAUSE THIS IS A SHRINKING RAY!! I MADE YOU GIANT SIZE! NOW I'LL REDUCE YOU TO FLEA SIZE AND SQUASH YOU UNDER MY HEEL!
UNEXPECTEDLY
DROP THAT DEADLY GADGET!
HUH?
THE SHADOW!
I'LL REDUCE YOU TO MITE SIZE, TOO SHADOW, AS SOON AS I RECOVER THE SHRINKING RAY GUN!
OPTIMIST!
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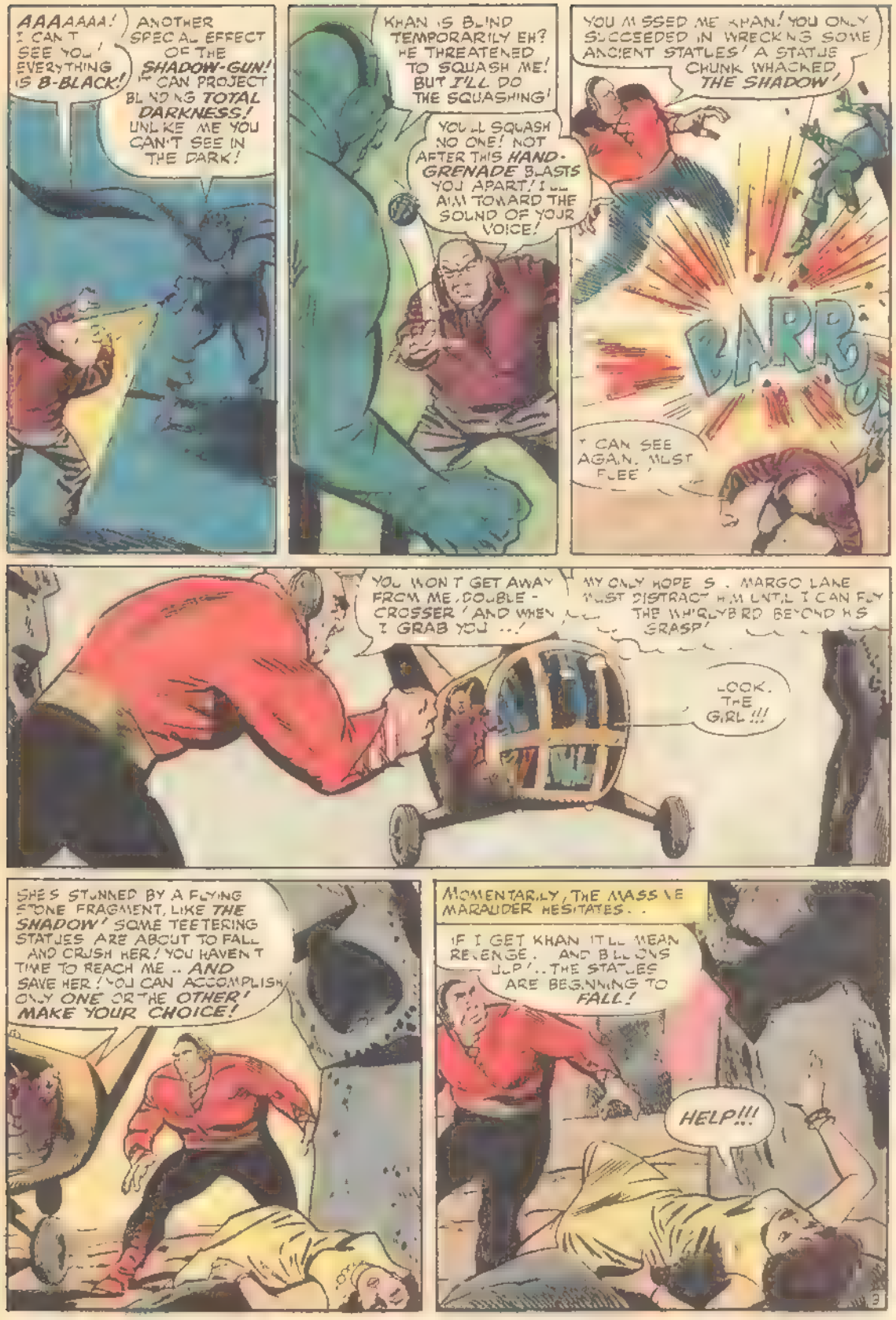
AAAAaaa! I CAN'T SEE YOU! EVERYTHING IS B-BLACK!
ANOTHER SPECIAL EFFECT OF THE SHADOW-GUN! IT CAN PROJECT BLINDING TOTAL DARKNESS! UNLIKE ME YOU CAN'T SEE IN THE DARK!
KHAN IS BLIND TEMPORARILY EH? HE THREATENED TO SQUASH ME! BUT I'LL DO THE SQUASHING!
YOU'LL SQUASH NO ONE! NOT AFTER THIS HAND-GRENADE BLASTS YOU APART! I'LL AIM TOWARD THE SOUND OF YOUR VOICE!
YOU MISSED ME KHAN! YOU ONLY SUCCEEDED IN WRECKING SOME ANCIENT STATUES! A STATUE CHUNK WHACKED THE SHADOW!
BARROOM
I CAN SEE AGAIN. MUST FLEE!
YOU WON'T GET AWAY FROM ME, DOUBLE-CROSSER! AND WHEN I GRAB YOU ...!
MY ONLY HOPE IS MARGO LANE MUST DISTRACT HIM UNTIL I CAN FLY THE WHIRLYBIRD BEYOND HIS GRASP!
LOOK. THE GIRL!!!
SHE'S STUNNED BY A FLYING STONE FRAGMENT, LIKE THE SHADOW! SOME TEETERING STATUES ARE ABOUT TO FALL AND CRUSH HER! YOU HAVEN'T TIME TO REACH ME .. AND SAVE HER! YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH ONLY ONE OR THE OTHER! MAKE YOUR CHOICE!
MOMENTARILY, THE MASSIVE MARAUDER HESITATES..
IF I GET KHAN IT'LL MEAN REVENGE. AND BILLIONS UP!.. THE STATUES ARE BEGINNING TO FALL!
HELP!!!
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LEAPING AT THE SAGGING STATUES THE BRUTE STRAINS AGAINST THEM...
?!...THESE ARE HARDER TO HANDLE THAN I THOUGHT! IT'S ALMOST AS THOUGH MY MIGHTY STRENGTH WAS EBBING AWAY! I'LL GIVE IT ALL...I'VE GOT .
UGH! THERE . . OHH-H. ..M-MY HEART!
THEN AS THE DAZED SHADOW HURRIES TO MARGO
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YES BUT WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE BRUTE? HE FELL. HE'S MOANING AND CLUTCHING HIS CHEST, IN AGONY!
WHATEVER MADE HIM HUGE AND MIGHTY IS WEARING OFF! LOOK.. HE'S SHRINKING DOWN IN SIZE!
..AND NOW HE'S NORMAL-SIZED AGAIN HE'S DYING BECAUSE THAT TREMENDOUS EFFORT TO SAVE YOU WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIS HEART WHEN HIS POWERS BEGAN TO WANE!
YOU SACRIFICED YOUR LIFE FOR ME..
GLADLY...
NO ONE EVER LEARNED WHAT YOUR REAL NAME IS! TELL ME. WHAT IS THE REAL NAME OF THE BRUTE?
MY REAL NAME IS VICTOR. VICTOR HESS! IF FATE HAD BEEN KINDER TO M-ME YOU COULD HAVE BECOME.. MRS. VICTOR HESS!

MOMENTS LATER...
HE'S... DEAD!
AFTER I BURY HIM ON THE ISLE, I'LL RETURN YOU TO AMERICA! IN A WAY IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST GROTESQUE VILLAINS SHOULD PERISH ON GARGOYLE ISLAND!
SOON...
THE BRUTE WASN'T ALL BAD! HE LET KHAN GO BECAUSE HE WANTED TO HELP ME! AND HE DIED SAVING ME...
LATER...
IF YOU HADN'T COME TO THAT ISLE, KHAN MIGHT'VE KILLED BOTH THE BRUTE AND ME! I OWE MY LIFE TO YOU, TOO! THANK YOU...
I'LL BE SEEING KHAN AGAIN! SOME DAY, SOON, HE'LL PAY FOR HIS CRIMES!
PRESENTLY, ON A DESERTED STREET TEN BLOCKS FROM THE CRANSTON TOWN HOUSE...
I'M ELECTRONICALLY OPENING THE PSEUDO-SEWER-LID! NOW TO LEAP IN...
TRANCE
TWO COMPRESSED-AIR TRANSIT TUBES! ONE PROPELS ME TO THE SHADOW OPERATION BASE, BENEATH THE LAMONT CRANSTON HOME! THE OTHER IS FOR EXITING! I'VE TRANSFERRED MY SURVIVAL COURSE EXERCISE-ROOM HERE! MY COMPUTER MACHINES, TOO... WHICH TAPE-RECORD MESSAGES FROM MY AGENTS, ETC.
5.
MINUTES AFTERWARD IN THE SHADOW'S TROPHY ROOM...
THE SHRINKING-RAY WEAPON WILL REMIND ME OF MY ADVENTURE WITH THE BRUTE! MARGO THINKS HE SACRIFICED HIMSELF WILLINGLY! SHE DOESN'T KNOW THAT AFTER REMOVING HIS GOGGLES AND CONTACT LENSES, OBVIOUSLY TO IMPRESS HER FAVORABLY...
...HE BECAME VULNERABLE TO MY HYPNOTIC COMMANDS! IT WAS I WHO CAUGHT HIS EYES, WHEN HE MENTALLY DECIDED TO ABANDON HER TO HER FATE... AND WILLED HIM TO LET KHAN GO AND SAVE MARGO, SINCE I WAS TOO WEAKENED TO AID HER MYSELF! THIS, ONLY THE SHADOW KNOWS!
The End

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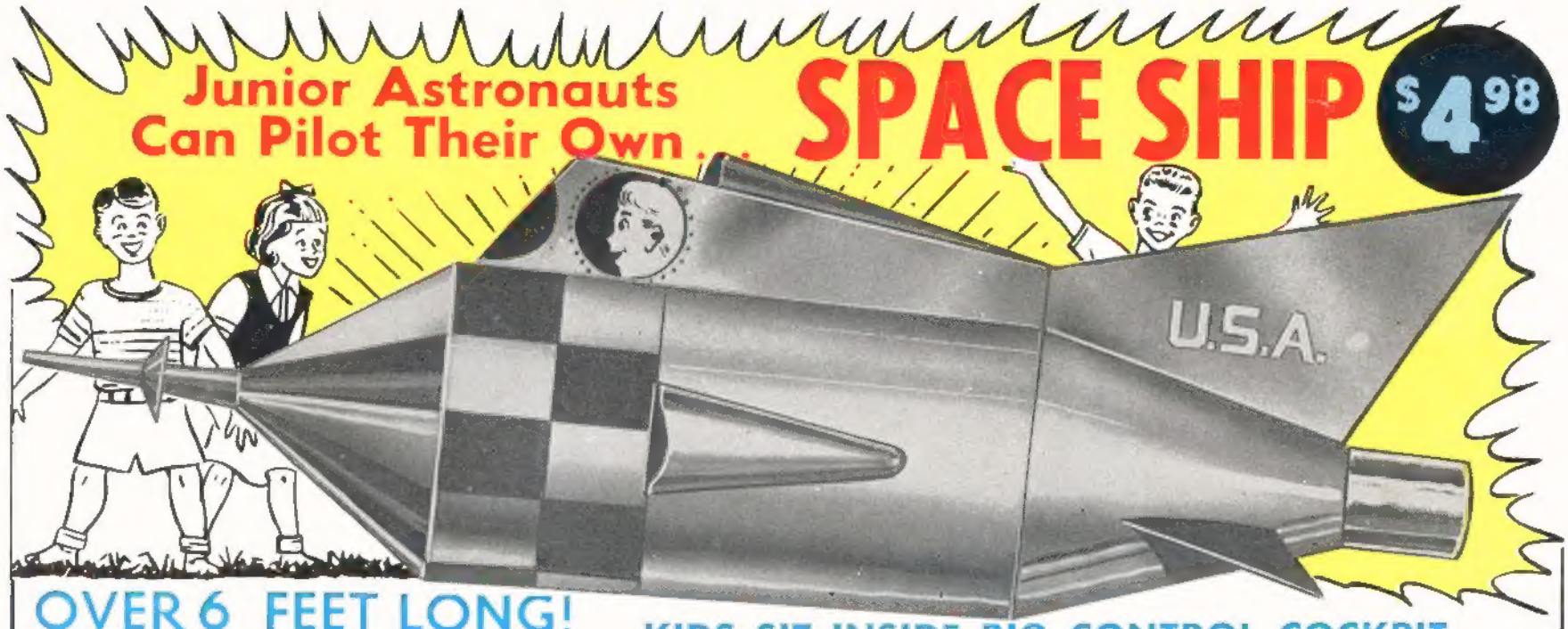

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